



New Covenant Presbyterian Church
June 12, 2022 10:00am Service



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The Worship of God

June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Leader: Donna Casey

Sharing Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...

*“The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God
Not a third god, nor one-third of God,
But God relating to us in –
Inspiration and guidance
Strength and judgement,
Redemption, and the renewing of our minds,
Always and forever,
Unlimited, unbound
Unfettered and unpredictable.
Come, Lord, come, as you deem best.”*

- Lee Phillips in *Alive*, May 1976



Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

L: We have gathered today –

P: To worship the one, true, living God.

L: We are not here to escape from the world.

P: We are here to gain a new perspective on the world – to reconsider our view of the world, and to discover God’s view of it. We are here to think more deeply about God, and the world God created.

L: Let us consider ourselves in relation to God – to God’s world around us – and then let us respond accordingly.

P: Let us praise God for what we have discovered in creation, in our neighbors, and in ourselves. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Hymn # 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

1-All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2-Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3-Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4-Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on your way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. We are lazy servants at times, timid and heartless, who turn neighbors away from your love by our witness. Have mercy on us, O God, and free us from sin. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness....Amen.

Lay Leader



Assurance of Pardon:

L: Hear the Good News: There is no sin so terrible that God's love cannot forgive it.

P: Praise God whose love and grace abound!

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel -

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

First Lesson

Romans 8: 12-17

Living in the Spirit

Lay Leader



So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Victory Road

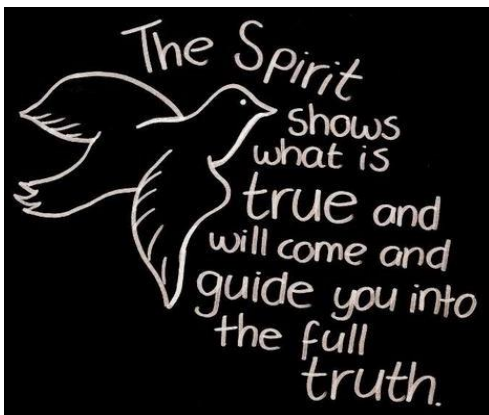
Choir

Second Lesson

John 16: 12-15

Guided by the Spirit

Carol



'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Baptism – a Truly Trinitarian Event

Responding to the Word

Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

1-Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me. **R**

3-As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story:
Shine on me, shine on me. **R**

2-Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
Shine on me, shine on me. **R**

Refrain:
**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with
the Father's glory.**
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with
grace and mercy.**
**Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there
be light!**

Litany of Faith

L: O God, how full of wonder you are!

P: We see the reflections of your beauty, and hear the sounds of your majesty, wherever we turn.

L: Even the babbling of babies and the laughter of children, spell your name in indefinable syllables.

P: When we gaze into star-studded skies, and attempt to comprehend the vast distances,

L: We contemplate in utter amazement our Creator's concern for us.

P: We are dumbfounded that you should care so personally about each of us.

L: And yet, you have made us in your image. And you have called us to be your children. You have even chosen and ordained us to be your partners in ministry.

P: You have assigned to us the fantastic responsibility of carrying on your creative activity in the world.

A: O God, how full of wonder and splendor you are!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares *I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.*

Chorus *And anytime I don't know what to do, I case all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication: This offering we bring to you, O God, not only as an offering from our hands, but also as an expression of praise from our hearts, and thanksgiving from our minds. As you bless our gifts, send your blessing upon us and help us to make an offering of our lives to your glory. Amen.

Going Out to Serve

Hymn # 132

Come, Great God of All the Ages



1-Come, great God of all the ages,
 Make your earthly mission known;
 Speak through every deed and person,
 Let your way and will be shown.
 Guide the church to true commitment,
 Give direction now, we ask;
 Fit us for the work of building,
 Dedicate us to the task.

2-Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,
 Sure foundation, cornerstone,
 Help us form the church eternal,
 May your vision be our own.
 Send a message to each follower,
 Lead all people to your way;
 Urge us to strong faith and action,
 As we build the church today.

3-Come, great Spirit, in and with us,
 Tune our ears to hear your call;
 Through the moving of your presence,
 Let redeeming love recall
 Ministry in dedication,
 Love embodied in our deeds;
 Challenge us to do your bidding,
 See your purpose, fill all needs.

4-Come, O come, in celebration,
 Household of the one true God,
 In commitment rejoicing
 Let us go where Christ has trod;
 As we act in faith and reverence,
 Let us, Lord, the future see;
 Place us in the church triumphant,
 Now and for eternity.

Blessing

L: Go forth in faith, realizing that your knowledge of God is incomplete.

P: *But knowing that someday we will completely understand the wonder and glory of God.*

A: *Praise God in whatever form or fashion God chooses to reveal the divine to us, but particularly through the Trinity – as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!*

L: And now may the blessings of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...

Response

*He is Lord – He is Lord. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.
 Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*